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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services

ACTION: HHS Approval of Entities that Certify Medical Review Officers (MRO)

SUMMARY:

The current version of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (Mandatory Guidelines), effective on October 1, 2010, addresses the role and qualifications of Medical Review Officers (MROs) and HHS approval of entities that certify MROs.

Subpart M-Medical Review Officer (MRO), Section 13.1(b), "Who may serve as an MRO?" states as follows: "Nationally recognized entities that certify MROs or subspecialty boards for physicians performing a review of Federal employee drug testing results that seek approval by the Secretary must submit their qualifications and a sample examination. Based on an annual objective review of the qualifications and content of the examination, the Secretary shall publish a list in the Federal Register of those entities and boards that have been approved."

HHS has completed its review of entities that train and certify MROs, in accordance with requests submitted by such entities to HHS.

(1) The HHS Secretary approves the following MRO certifying entities that offer both MRO training and certification through examination:

American Association of Medical Review Officers (AAMRO)

P.O. Box 12873

Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Phone: (800) 489-1839

Fax: (919) 490-1010

E-mail: cferrell@aamro.com

Website: <http://www.aamro.com/>

Medical Review Officer Certification Council (MROCC)

836 Arlington Heights Road, #327

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Phone: (847) 631-0599

Fax: (847) 483-1282

E-mail: mrocc@mrocc.org

Website: <http://www.mrocc.org/>

(2) Additionally, the HHS Secretary lists the following entities that offer MRO training as a prerequisite for MRO certification by the above-listed approved entities:

American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)

25 Northwest Point Boulevard, Suite 700

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1030

Phone: (847) 818-1800

Fax: (847) 818-9266

Contact Form: <http://www.acoem.org/contactacoem.aspx>

Website: <http://www.acoem.org/>

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

4601 N. Park Avenue, Upper Arcade #101

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Phone: (301) 656-3920

Fax: (301) 656-3815

E-mail: email@asam.org

Website: <http://www.asam.org/>

DATES: HHS approval is effective [insert date of publication in the Federal Register].

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